

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 95-34
DATE: March 28, 1995 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flooding (Except Devils Lake which is being reported separately as Incident #95-04.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: None have been reported.
3. DAMAGE: The cities of Valley City, Fort Ransom, and Lisbon are affected by increased releases from Baldhill Dam. Agricultural flooding is occurring causing farmers to move livestock to high ground, as well as damage to transportation resources.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: Boards of County Commissioners, City Councils, Public Works Departments, Fire Departments, American Red Cross, County Sheriff's Departments, Police Departments, and County Emergency Management Agencies.

STATE: Governor's Office, ND Division of Emergency Management, ND National Guard, ND Department of Transportation, State Radio Communications, and State Water Commission.

FEDERAL: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Weather Service.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross provided a feeding station to Valley City flood workers. They are also assisting individuals impacted by flooding in Barnes County.

Approximately 30 volunteers assisted the volunteer fire department in Valley City in sandbagging operations.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Inputs of 5,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) into Baldhill Dam have caused the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase Baldhill Dam releases 4,000 cfs. River levels are predicted to rise to 16.5 feet at Valley City which is 3.5 feet over flood stage. At Lisbon, river levels are expected to rise to 16.0 feet, which is 5 feet over flood stage.

The Barnes County Commissioners issued an emergency declaration on March 26, 1995.

Valley City officials have implemented their flood operations plan and are in a major flood fight operation.

The ND National Guard provided equipment and manpower to supplement flood fight operations in Valley City.

The ND Division of Emergency Management has dispatched a staff member to Valley City.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is assisting Valley City officials in flood fight operations.

The National Weather Service is monitoring river levels and providing river level forecasts.

Barnes County officials are assisting six homeowners threatened by flood waters about 5 miles south of Valley City.

Lisbon and Ft. Ransom officials have implemented their flood operations plans. Operations include monitoring river levels, closing storm drains, sandbagging, and pumping operations.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: ND Division of Emergency Management, ND Army National Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the American Red Cross.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Significant precipitation received in North Dakota is compounding the flooding situation.

Several counties (McHenry may be the worst) in north central and east are reporting substantial road problems due to saturated roadways, culvert washouts, and loss of some bridges. School routes are being impacted. Emergency services traffic may be impacted.

Signed _____
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State Director